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LETTER DATED 26 MAY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Yesterday, the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) responded in limited terms, as they promised, to the most recent Serbian violative acts. The Serbian retaliation, that was to be expected, was brutal and directed at the most defenseless. At least 71 civilians, mostly teenagers, were directly targeted and murdered in Tuzla, while many other young lives were maimed. All the other safe areas were also intentionally targeted. The message was clear - neither the United Nations nor NATO can protect civilians anywhere in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and especially in the areas where they are supposed to be safest: the so-designated safe areas.

Most directly, the Serbian murder of these 71 people was nothing less than a terrorist act to be condemned and dealt with as any terrorist act in any other country. Its purpose was not only to brutalize, but to induce the international community and the Bosnians to lose their resolve.

We, the Bosnians, have now once again paid a heavy price. Do not make us pay an even heavier price by losing resolve and succumbing to terrorism.

We demand that the Security Council urgently meet and condemn directly these terrorist actions.

May I ask for our kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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